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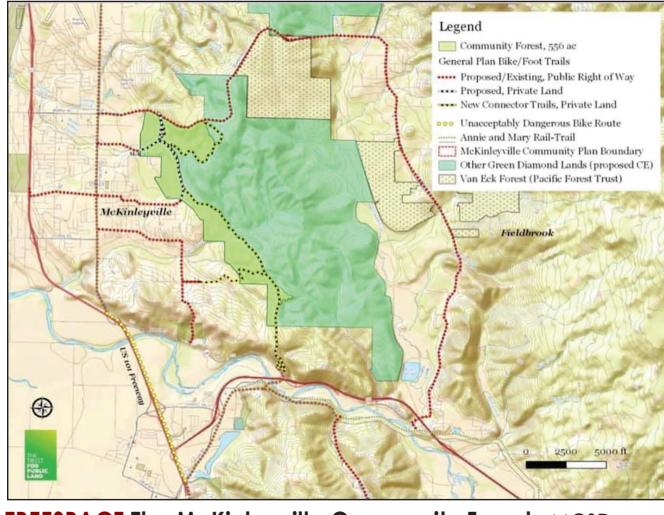
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020 ♦ EST. 2013 ♦ \$1

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Widespread outbreak that is growing with many undetected cases. Take strong measures to limit all contact.



TREESPACE The McKinleyville Community Forest. MCSD IMAGE

McKinleyville getting a community forest

Jack Durham

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MCKINLEYVILLE — McKinleyville is getting its own community forest.

The McKinleyville Community Services District announced that week that the Trust for Public Lands has received a grant from

the State of California Natural Resources Agency to purchase 556 acres from Green Diamond. The trust will then hand over the property to the MCSD.

The property is located on McKinleyville's eastern boundary and stretches

FOREST ♦ PAGE 4

As COVID-19 advances, MRCH fortifies, innovates

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HUMBOLDT — As the current COVID-19 surge begins to test hospital capacity, county health officials have added Intensive Care Unit (ICU) bed availability to the daily statistics dump.

As of Monday morning, 26.6 percent of the Nor-Cal Region's ICU capacity was available. Should that drop below 15 percent, a Regional Stay Home order takes effect. The Nor-Cal Region includes Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity counties. Humboldt's ICU bed availability was 10.7 percent as of Monday morning.

Arcata's Mad River Community Hospital (MRCH) is closely tracking the pandemic surge. In keeping with its coronavirus battle plan, its nominal six-bed ICU can be

MRCH ♦ PAGE 2



A patient pager.

SLC visitor swept from North Jetty out to sea

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NORTH JETTY — A 65-year-old Salt Lake City, Utah woman died Monday, Dec. 7 when a large wave swept her off the North Jetty and into the Pacific Ocean.

Humboldt County Sheriff's Special Services deputies were dispatched to the North Jetty of Humboldt Bay at around noon for the report of a female victim who had been swept into

the ocean. Deputies arrived on scene and learned that the victim, Mary Malouf of Salt Lake City, Utah, had been visiting the area and had come to the beach with her adult son to watch the waves.

The two reportedly walked out to the end of the North Jetty wall and while there, a large wave suddenly crashed over the wall.

Both individuals were

MALOUF ♦ PAGE 8

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New councilmembers sworn and seated

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ARCATA — The gears and cogs of democracy functioned flawlessly in Arcata last Thursday as three new city councilmembers were sworn in. Newly-elected Councilmembers Stacy Atkins-Salazar, Emily Goldstein and Sarah Schaefer took the oath of office on City Hall's front lawn, with continuing Councilmembers Sofia Pereira and Brett Watson elected mayor and vice-mayor, respectively.

COUNCIL ♦ PAGE 2



SOLEMNLY SWORN City Clerk Bridget Dory swears in Arcata's three new city councilmembers last Thursday, Dec. 10 on City Hall's front lawn, above. Left, the new-look City Council: Vice Mayor Brett Watson, Councilmembers Emily Grace Goldstein, Stacy Atkins-Salazar, Sarah Schaefer, and Mayor Sofia Pereira. The newly forged council will get down to serious business at tonight's 6 p.m. meeting, including a COVID-aware financial forecast, Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades, tenant eviction protections, election reflections and more. PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION

Refuseniks' COVID-19 rage tempers enforcement

Daniel Mintz

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HUMBOLDT — Humboldt County Sheriff Billy Honsal has said that unlike some county sheriffs, he would enforce further COVID-19 restrictions but he's also said that "violent acts" are becoming more frequent and deputies will use discretion to prevent deadly force situations.

The acceleration of coronavirus spread and reactions to the restric-

tions that aim to limit it were discussed during an update to the Board of Supervisors at its December 8 meeting.

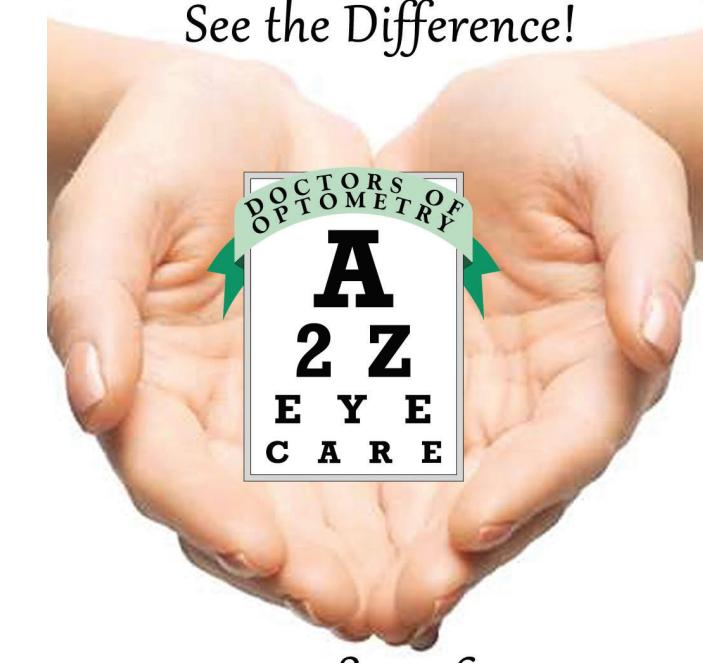
Supervisor Steve Madrone noted that some county sheriffs have said that they won't enforce new restrictions on business and social activities. Madrone said that given the prevalence of disease, "This is not the time to be backing off of enforcement."

Asked if he'll enforce restrictions, Honsal said he will. But he also sug-

gested that doing so has to be done carefully because people are becoming prone to violent behavior.

"If you send a deputy sheriff in to enforce a stay at home order, what happens if someone refuses — and now we're going to use force against someone who's not wearing a mask in public?" he said. "And that could force a deadly force confrontation, who knows, and over what?"

COVID ♦ PAGE 4



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They have gathered together national and inter-

national experts for this discussion.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

This is a free event, however reservations are required.

Each forum will last approximately one to two hours.

- Wednesday, Dec. 16 at noon: Nicholas Kardaras, PhD, Ivy league educated psychologist, best-selling author, internationally renowned speaker and an expert on mental health, addiction and the impact of our digital age.

- Monday, Dec. 21 at noon: Douglas Gentile, P.D. Professor of Psychology at Iowa State. One of the world's leading scientific experts on the effects of media on children.

Named one of America's

best 300 professors by the *Princeton Review*.

- Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 3 p.m. Louis Cozzolino, Ph.D. Professor of Psychology at Pepperdine University.

Author of numerous award-winning books focused on interpersonal neurobiology and education.

- Tuesday, Jan. 12 at noon. Andrew Doan, M.D. Ophthalmologist, Neuroscientist and recognized expert in digital media addictions.

Author of best-selling book, *Hooked on Games*.

- Dr. Virgil Moorehead Jr., executive director with Two Feathers NAFS said, "As the global pandemic persists our young people are in more psychiatric distress than ever before.

At Two Feathers, we have

identified one major issue to be the use and misuse of technology and its impact on child and adolescent development. During these times, this issue has become even more pressing. If you work with children and young adults, are a parent or are just interested in this discussion, we urge you to tune in."

Moorehead added, "This conference is open to all but is targeted especially for those who are interested in improving the mental health of our children."

To view a full agenda visit the Two Feather website, twofeathers-nafs.org or facebook.com/2FeathersNAFS.

You must reserve your space in order to attend: surveymonkey.com/r/VT-N7F6N.

Council | 3 new ♦ FROM PAGE 1

Before the formal swearing in, city staff took time to recognize and thank outgoing councilmembers, Vice-Mayor Paul Pitino and Mayor Michael Winkler, for their years of service to the community.

"Mayor Winkler has served Arcata for 22 years and Vice-Mayor Pitino has served our community for 17 years, and both of these councilmembers are truly one of a kind. They have served with a passion and love for Arcata that will be felt for generations. I will miss the insight, wisdom and support they have provided through the years," said City Manager Karen Diemer of their departure, and added, "I look forward to working with the new members of city council and to hear what priority themes emerged from the input they received throughout our campaigns."

City Attorney Nancy Diamond, Environmental Services Director Mark Andre, Pereira, Watson and others also offered encomiums to the outgoing councilmembers.

Of her appointment to the mayorship, Pereira said, "It is a privilege to serve the people of Arcata for the next year as mayor. While our community has faced many challenges in 2020, I'm looking forward to tackling the work ahead of us in 2021 with our vice-mayor and new councilmembers. We will continue to keep the people of Arcata front and center as we navigate this pandemic, fight the climate crisis and provide much-needed resources to our neighbors experiencing homelessness."



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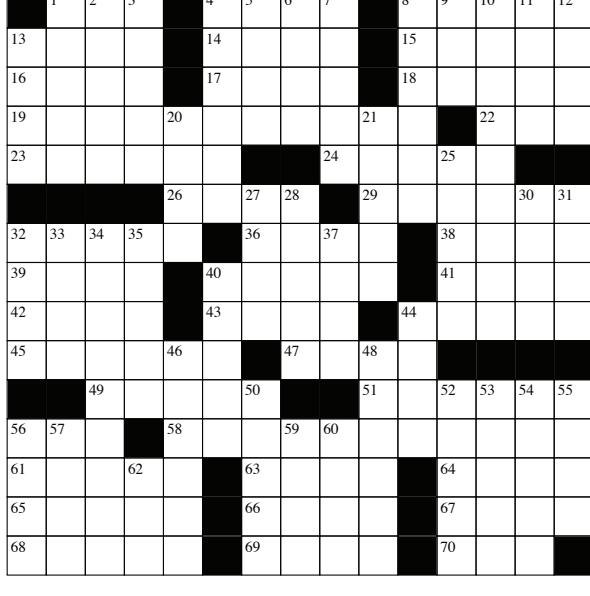
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ACROSS

- Porch item
- Speedy
- Musical group
- City near Kilauea Crater
- Above
- Splitting ___; making petty distinctions
- Again
- Jules Verne character
- Object of value
- Bar request
- Florence's three
- Marine bird
- Praise
- Harp's forerunner
- State
- Bakery purchase
- Astringent
- End in ___; have an unsatisfying final score
- Sharp cry
- Donahue & Mickelson
- "___ with the Wind"
- Nasal stimulant
- This: Sp.
- Actions
- More emaciated
- See
- Move smoothly
- ___ to; feel empathy with
- Greek letter
- In song, gifts for December 26th
- Fisherman's pride
- Word for Popeye
- DC figures: abbr.
- Party decorator's paper
- Like the Mojave
- Gaelic language
- Witch's home
- Watched
- Way to go: abbr.

DOWN

- pie
- On the ball
- Tall structure
- With affection
- Allege
- Prefix for sweet or precious
- Hidden treasure
- Diagrams
- Intl. alliance
- Christmas decoration
- Rabbit of fiction
- Bone: pref.
- Trapdoor fastener
- Tuesday, for one
- Student's concerns
- Siouan language
- Cries of cheer
- Privileged group
- Outer coating
- Palmer's pegs
- Party invitation abbr.
- Make over
- Stretched out
- Part of spring
- Rubber trees
- In hiding
- Did a beautician's job
- Word of choice
- ___ on; victimized
- Wipe away
- Booby prize recipient
- Turn aside
- Opposite of relaxed
- Being: Lat.
- ___ homo"; work of religious art
- Mountain pool
- Pronoun
- Learning
- Nav. enlisted person



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MRCH

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increased to 16 if necessary, according to spokesperson Pamela Floyd, with some reconfiguration of the hospital.

The bigger challenge is staffing those beds with nurses while maintaining the nominal 1-to-2 ratio of nurses to patients. However, that re-

quirement may be waived if necessary.

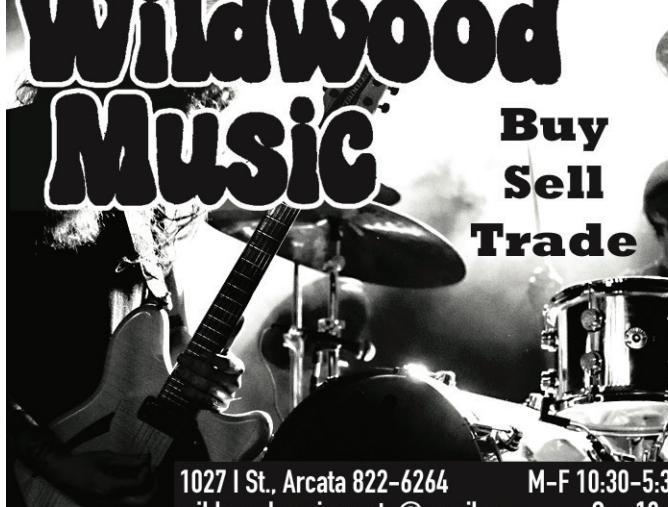
Floyd said MRCH's nurses have been cross-trained in ICU procedures to help maintain staffing.

Floyd urged those with unrelated medical conditions not to be afraid to come to the hospital for routine care such as colonoscopies and breast health screenings. "Don't put things off," she

said. "Hospitals are safe places to be."

To help ensure patient comfort and confidence, the hospital has adopted use of restaurant-style pagers. Patients may check in, are issued a pager and can then wait in their car to be summoned for care, rather than inside.

"It's worked out really well," Floyd said.



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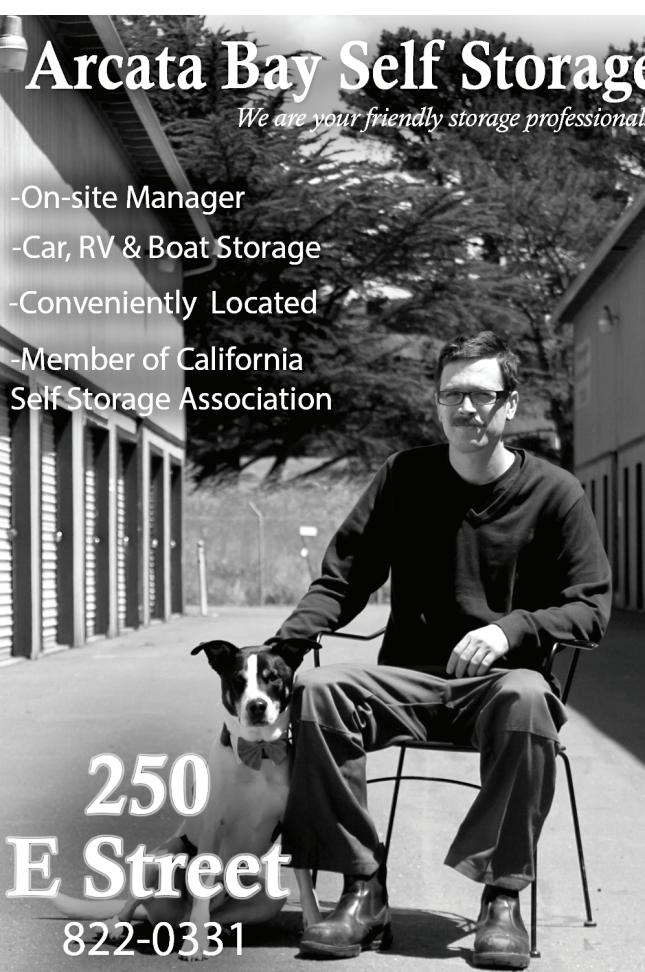
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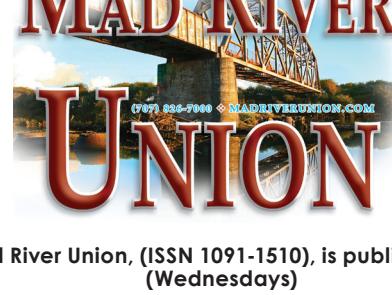
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Meet the AAUW's three standout students

AAUW

HUMBOLDT — The Humboldt State American Association of University Women (AAUW) has an annual Women's Re-Entry Scholarship program for applicants that:

- Reside in Humboldt, Del Norte or Trinity County
- Return to college after a hiatus of five years or more in collegiate education
- Are currently enrolled at Humboldt State University in upper division or graduate courses
- Have a grade point average at HSU at least 3.0
- Demonstrate financial need.

This year the scholarship committee received applications from six very qualified candidates. It was a challenge for the committee to narrow it down, but after paper screening and interviews, decided to award three scholarships. The applicants were all amazing, but three very dynamic, accomplished, and deserving HSU women stood out.

Hannah Bruckner is a lifelong resident of Humboldt County who is dedicated to giving back to our community. Hannah has a Bachelor's of Social Work and will receive her Masters of Social Work in 2021. Hannah is a warm, caring person who can connect with others and bring together many resources to meet their needs. She has served a year in AmeriCorps and is currently an intern in the Fortuna school system. Her goal is to be a social worker in the school setting to meet students' mental health needs. She plans to obtain a Pupil Personnel Services Credential after she completes her Masters. Hannah receives a \$2,000 scholarship.

Yavanna Reynolds is studying for her multi-subject teaching credential. She has Bachelor's degrees in Asian Studies and English Literature.

She has taught pre-school and supervised student teachers. Currently, she is student teaching at Coastal Grove Charter School and serving on the school

diversity committee to create curriculum that makes school an equitable place for all families. Yavanna is also a fashion designer who recently designed and sewed hundreds of masks that she then donated to the community. Yavanna receives a \$2,000 scholarship.

Janelle Chojnacki is a graduate student studying for a Master's in Wildlife Science. She has a Bachelor's degree in Conservation and Resource Studies. Janelle is involved in wildlife

research projects where she is known for her leadership, enthusiasm, and knowledge of research techniques. In the future, she would like to

work on, Janelle does outreach activities with high school and college students. She wants to encourage young women to consider a career in science. She also is a soccer coach. She believes that a female soccer coach can be a good role model for players to have. Janelle receives a \$1,000 scholarship.

If you would like to become a member of the local AAUW or to help support our local AAUW, visit humboldt-ca.aauw.net/join.



Hannah
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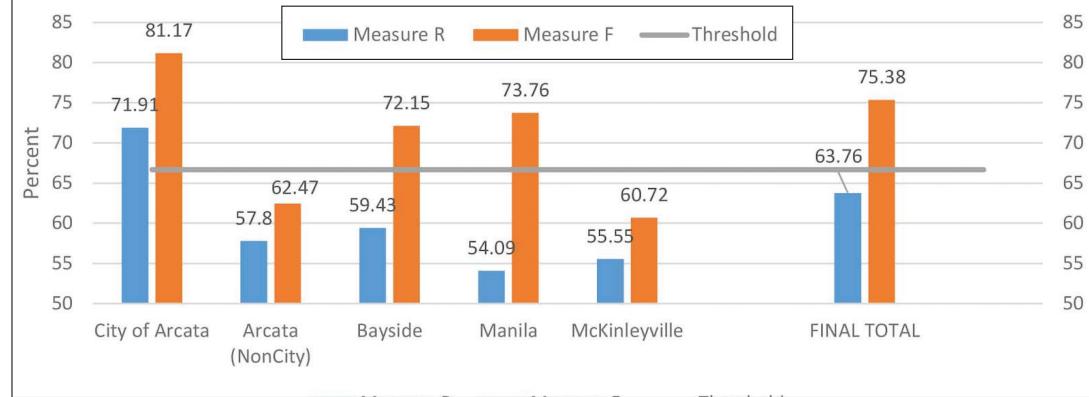




TAKING THE OATH OF OFFICE The Arcata Fire District Board of Directors had two directors take the oath of office on Dec. 8. Randy Mendoza, right, was appointed to serve another four-year term. Mendoza has worked as a bus driver, a police officer, the chief of Arcata Police and the manager of the City of Arcata. Board newcomer Blaine Maynor, left, moved to Arcata in 1992. He started Orchids for The People in 1999 with his wife Jennifer Rishel and moved to McKinleyville in 2001. "My family and I have been active in the community through Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, the Boys and Girls club, the McKinleyville school system, the Chamber of Commerce and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship," stated Maynor in an email. "I am excited about being on the Arcata Fire District Board of Directors and look forward to being part of a skilled and dedicated team. Our goal is to continue to improve an already great agency. I'm honored to be part of a group of people who strive to provide the best emergency service possible for McKinleyville, Manila, Bayside, Jacoby Creek and the City of Arcata while ensuring a safe and stable work environment for our outstanding first line responders."

SCREENSHOTS FROM ZOOM MEETING

How local communities voted on Measures R and F



MEASURE F This chart, created by the Arcata Fire District, compares the results of Measure R, which failed on March 3, to Measure F, which was passed on Nov. 3. The nearly identical tax measures required a super-majority approval of at least 66.67 percent. As the chart shows, support for the November tax measure increased in all the communities the district serves compared to the March tax measure. Although a majority of McKinleyville voters approved of the tax, their votes were well below 66.67 percent. Under Measure F, the average single family home will be assessed \$118 a year. The tax will replace an existing tax, resulting in a net increase of \$98 for such a household.

ARCATA FIRE DISTRICT GRAPHIC

Arcata Fire hires consultant to study workforce reorganization

Jack Durham

MAD RIVER UNION

MCKINLEYVILLE/ARCATA — The Arcata Fire District is hiring a consultant to conduct a wage and classification study for its workforce as part of a reorganization effort as it gears up to hire more firefighters.

On Dec. 8, a hesitant AFD Board of Directors voted 3-2, with directors Randy Mendoza and Elena David abstaining, to hire Sacramento-based CPS HR Consulting to conduct the study, which will cost about \$37,000 and take 16 weeks.

The detailed study will look at job classifications, job duties and ranks. It will compare AFD salaries with other fire departments of similar size.

"The study is the bottom building block to appropriately structure, reassign, promote, or eliminate the District staffing," stated AFD Fire Chief Justin McDonald in a report to the board. "Positions are potentially working out of class and as we build upward, there will be a refocus to the job duties and assignments, as well as rank. This study will assist the District to classify and allow the District to perform a potential reorganization before hiring Measure F funded employees or commencing with promotional processes."

On Nov. 3, voters in the district overwhelmingly passed Measure F, a property tax that will fund more firefighters and allow the district to keep all three of its stations open. Since March, the district has closed one station on a rotating basis.

The district provides fire service to the communities of McKinleyville, Arcata, Bayside, Jacoby Creek, Tyee City and Manila.

Although the tax passed, the money

won't be available until January of 2022 — more than a year from now.

There was hesitation on the board about spending money on the study. The district's finance committee, which includes board President Nicole Johnson and Director David Rosen, reviewed the study proposal and recommended that it be approved.

At the Dec. 8 meeting, Director Mendoza repeatedly asked about the committee's recommendation. Johnson responded that the committee was recommending approval. She did not give any further explanation.

Neither Mendoza or David gave an explanation for abstaining from the vote on the study.

The study is favored by district staff. In his report to the board, Chief McDonald stated "The board has indicated angst in authorizing this study based on the community's perception of spending funds for this purpose at this point in time. However, what is not taken into account is the perception of our employees. They see a hesitation by the Board to take actions to ensure that we can recruit, retain, and maintain a robust and healthy workforce. Furthermore, this study will take 16 weeks to complete and time is of the essence as negotiations will also begin soon and the study is a key component and results will have a huge impact on negotiations."

According to McDonald, firefighter positions make from \$44,247 to \$48,738 annually. The hourly rate is \$14.76 to \$16.27. The chief makes \$120,486 a year.

The district plans to hire and train five firefighters in fiscal year 2021-2022 and three additional firefighters in fiscal year 2022-2023.

MCKINLEYVILLE PARKS

The McKinleyville Park and Recreation Advisory Committee will discuss a proposed BMX track, the Community Garden, the McKinleyville Community Forest and more at its meeting Thursday, Dec. 17 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held on Zoom. The Zoom ID is 967 1515 4697.

COVID AND THE COURTS Due to the rising number of COVID-19 cases, the Humboldt County Superior Court has been granted an emergency order to reschedule all criminal jury trials scheduled between Dec. 8 and Jan. 19. The trials will take place at a later date. The current, ongoing criminal trial will not be affected by the order. "The court's goal is to ensure that jurors, judicial officers and court staff as well as other individuals involved in trials are not unduly or inadvertently exposed to COVID-19 infected individuals," states a press release from Humboldt County Superior Court.

COVID | Virus spreading 'in multiple settings across the county'

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Honsal said he's instructed deputies to use discretion. "As we see throughout the county, we do have escalating violent acts that are occurring throughout the county and we do have escalating crime that is occurring, all the way from Orick to Alderpoint," he continued. "Essentially, we are spread thin and we are doing our best."

Fear of confrontation

The county is in the state's highest risk category, which is color-coded as purple. Places like restaurants, gyms and places of worship can't be open for indoor use, retail businesses have to operate at 25 percent of capacity and the county is under a 10 p.m. state-imposed curfew.

Under a recently-launched state system, further restrictions are imposed if a region's ICU capacity falls below 15 percent. Humboldt's ICU bed availability fell to 10.7 percent at the end of last week but the northern region's ICU capacity percentage was at 26.6 percent.

Considering the high stakes, acts like refusing to wear a mask

are leading to confrontations. Madrone compared not wearing a mask in public spaces to brandishing a "deadly weapon" and Supervisor Mike Wilson said he continues to observe it.

Wilson described an atmosphere of fear and potential conflict. "People feel threatened," he said, illustrating the point by describing a recent video of a maskless Eureka supermarket customer "freaking out" when other customers called her on it.

"Luckily there were a lot of people there but a single person may not say something to that person because they're afraid of their reaction, they're afraid of the confrontation that could come from that," Wilson continued. "And then they hear about people becoming violent."

Not wearing a mask in public spaces is "just really trolling people and kind of terrorizing them and making them feel threatened because they don't know what to do," Wilson said.

'Shocking' spread

Measures like mask-wearing are

increasingly crucial to protect public health and prevent further economic impacts. Dr. Ian Hoffman, the county's newly-hired health officer, warned that once coronavirus accelerates, it takes off.

Hoffman noted that it took about 10 months for the county to reach 1,000 COVID-19 cases. "Now where are we? The projected time to go from 1,000 to 2,000 is just over a month from now," he continued. "If that sounds shocking, it should sound shocking ... that's just the nature of this disease, it goes up exponentially as it spreads in our community."

But Hoffman also said the county is readying for vaccine distribution and it's expected that health care workers and those in long term care facilities and other high risk settings will soon get the first round of doses.

Meanwhile, the spread of COVID-19 is happening "in multiple settings across the county," Hoffman said. A hefty block of cases is the 72 — and counting -- that have been confirmed among residents and staff members of

the Granada Rehabilitation and Wellness Center in Eureka.

'Death sentence'

Disease spread among vulnerable residents can quickly lead to more hospitalizations and deaths. Hoffman said the Granada outbreak could "turn very quickly" and the county could "go to doubling our death rate easily in the next week or two."

He added, "To a degree, not wearing a mask is like putting a death sentence on some of these elderly folks who are in long term care facilities."

During a Dec. 11 media availability video, Deputy Health Officer Dr. Josh Ennis said the Granada cases "are not driving the current, cumulative totals over the same time period" and only account for about 30 percent of last week's daily totals.

"So it'd be really misleading for anyone to conclude that what's happening at this facility is driving all of our numbers here," he continued.

On Dec. 11, 36 more cases were confirmed and the county's total stood at 1,231 cases. Two additional hospitalizations brought the county's total to 56. There was also an additional death last

week, bringing that total to 10.

Limited vaccine supply

Federal emergency use approval for the Pfizer/BioNTech mRNA vaccine was issued on Dec. 11. Asked during the video about local vaccine availability, Ennis said the county has over 10,000 health care workers who are first in line to be vaccinated and "we're looking at allotments that fall well short of that very early on."

The next in line, elderly residents with medical conditions, may not be vaccinated until sometime next month, he continued. Vaccine allotments might be shipped to the county this week, Ennis said, but "supply will be very limited" at first.

If vaccines are effective, mass or "herd" immunity will eventually be achieved, new infections will be minimized and the pandemic's pall on social activity will be lifted. Ennis said he's heard some experts say that could happen as early as June of next year.

"I think that's optimistic," he continued. "I think that to be more realistic, the earliest we can probably see that occur might be in the fall."

It could take longer. "There's a lot of unknown here," said Ennis.



CHANUKAH ON THE PLAZA In a downsized celebration this year, Rabbi Eliyahu Cowen of the Chabad of Humboldt lit the menorah on Thursday, Dec. 10, the first day of Chanukah.

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Santa, Mayor Pereira join Celeb of Lights

ARCATA MAIN STREET

ARCATA – The residents of Arcata are being encouraged to illuminate the darkness and help usher in hope and light to 2021 by adding holiday decorations and lights to their homes, businesses and anything else that can be transformed!

Please help kick off this annual tradition during a year in which we could all use more hope and light. Newly elected Mayor Sofia Pereira will be on the lookout for noteworthy homes, businesses and neighborhoods.

If this isn't enough to excite you all, Arcata Main Street presents Santa himself on a tour of Arcata neighborhoods on Saturday, Dec. 19 starting at 11 a.m. His route, along with more event updates will be posted on Facebook.

To learn more about Arcata's first Annual citywide celebration of lights, please visit "Arcata Celebration of Lights" at facebook.com/events/398522414604131 or email Shoshannarakars@gmail.com.

Listening sesh Thursday

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA – The Community Development Department will host a virtual Community Vision Listening Session Thursday, Dec. 17 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

This year has presented its share of challenges to many of Arcata's residents and to the city as a whole. As the year concludes, city staff would like to take time to reflect on how the events of this year are affecting the daily lives of Arcata's residents.

The city is interested in hearing what community members hopes and priorities are for the future and how residents envision Arcata in the next one, five or 10 years. Feedback provided at this session will be used for future city planning efforts in 2021.

In addition, Community Development staff will briefly discuss upcoming projects and how, through planning efforts, the city is continuing work to build a more inclusive and equitable Arcata.

The Community Vision Listening Session will take place via Zoom video communications, which can be accessed at cityofarcata.org. For more information, please email comdev@cityofarcata.org or call (707) 822-5955.

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HUMBOLDT – Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year has begun. For families interested in obtaining an inter-district transfer for your child, please contact your child's district of residence to begin the process. It is important to note, this process is for both new and renewal requests.

The inter-district transfer form must be completed and turned into your child's district of residence by Feb. 1, 2021. For information about which District you reside in, check the online locator at hcoe.org/district-locator.

For more information or to access the current forms that can be filled out and printed or emailed, please visit hcoe.org/inter-district.



SAVING THE SILVERSPOT The Sequoia Park Zoo Conservation Lecture Series has gone virtual for 2020/21 and the next lecture is Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. on Zoom and Facebook Live. Chris Damiani will present, "Can We Save the Silverspot? A look inside Sequoia Park Zoo's Butterfly Conservation Program." Zoo updates and information will begin at 6:45 p.m. with the lecture starting at 7 p.m. Attendees can ask questions to the speaker at the end of the presentation via the chat box on Zoom or Facebook Live comments. The Zoom link will be available at SequoiaParkZoo.net and on social media.

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Sunrise Rotary serves up Taste of the Holidays 2020

ROTARY CLUB OF ARCATA SUNRISE

ARCATA – The Rotary Club of Arcata Sunrise held its Taste of the Holidays – 2020 Home Edition, to help our community show its appreciation for front line workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year the Rotary Club of Arcata Sunrise adapted its annual "Taste of the Holidays" fundraiser to the current pandemic, selling and distributing 200 take-home packages, which were filled with delicious items from local specialty food and beverage producers.

The fundraiser capped the Week of Gratitude that Arcata Sunrise Rotarians co-sponsored with the Rotary Club of Mad River and the North Bay Rotaract Club. The celebration honored all of the amazing essential workers in our community.

The clubs received over 40 nominations of outstanding essential workers for consideration, and 20 of those were selected by lot to receive complementary Taste of the Holidays packages, which were rechristened "Gratitude Packages."

In addition, Arcata Sunrise and North Bay Rotaract provided \$1,200 to help five employees of Mad River Community Hospital with unexpected



SANTA'S HELPERS Sunrise Rotarians hand out Taste of the Holidays bags, above. Right, Cam Appleton.

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costs stemming from the pandemic.

"North Bay Rotaract members have immense gratitude for local health care heroes and their service during the coronavirus pandemic," said Rotaract President Rhea Varley. "We wanted to give back to those who work tirelessly while caring for all of us."

Arcata Sunrise Rotary President Maggie Kraft also expressed her appreciation to those who provided the goodies for the fundraiser. "Please continue your support our local food and wine producers," she said. "These businesspeople stepped up at a time when many of them are experiencing financial hardship due to the pandemic." A list of participating vendors follows.

The Rotary Club of Arcata Sunrise

thanks the following vendors who helped make A Taste of the Holidays – 2020 Home Edition such a great success: Blackberry Bramble BBQ, Brett Shuler Fine Catering, Brio Breadworks, Cassaro's Catering, Cavaletto Vineyard Estate, Cypress Grove Chevre, Diane's Sweet Heat, Dick Taylor Craft Chocolate, Fieldbrook Winery, Humboldt Hot Sauce, Kinetic Koffee, Lost Coast Brewery, Mad River Brewing Company, North Story Wines/Wrangletown Cider Company, Natural Decadence, North Coast Coop, Ramone's Bakery & Café, Ray's Food Place, Ryan Creek Root Cellars (The Board Room), Septentrio Winery, Trinity River Vineyards, The Griffin and Tomaso's Specialty Foods.

CSU: resumption of in-person classes next fall

CSU CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

CALIFORNIA – The California State University (CSU) has announced that it is planning for an anticipated return to delivering courses primarily in-person starting with the fall 2021 term.

"It's critical that we provide as much advance notice as possible to students and their families, as we have done previously in announcing our moves toward primarily virtual instruction," said CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White. "There is light at the end of the tunnel with the promising progress on vaccines."

"We are approaching planning for the 2021 fall term with the goal of having the majority of our on-campus experiences returning," said CSU Chancellor-select Joseph I.

Castro. "This decision comes at a good time as high school and transfer students have until December 15 to complete their applications for fall admission. I urge eligible students across the Golden State to apply for admission to one or more CSU campuses."

Prospective students apply to CSU campuses online through the Cal State Apply website. Application fee waivers are available, and there are robust financial aid programs for eligible students with need.

Emerging evidence provides optimism that the upcoming 2021-22 academic year can be conducted much more in person. It is too soon to determine what the science will allow for the 2021 summer term. That determination will be made closer to the deadlines for summer 2021 student registration.

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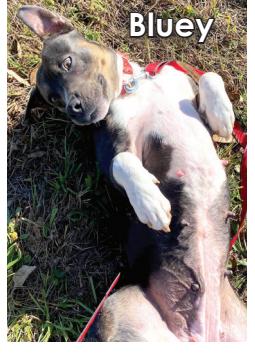
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Happy-hearted Cowboy and Bluey

Week 38. We have almost made it to the end of 2020. Most people I know seem ready to say goodbye to this year, though one of the great things about 2020 has been the number of pet adoptions. If you haven't joined in on that activity yet, there's still time! We have a nice selection of dogs right now, including Cowboy and Bluey,

featured here today.

Cowboy came to the shelter with a buddy (with the odd name of Good Morning) as dogs that had been abandoned. They were a little reserved at first but soon realized that their current lodging came with regular meals, blankets and a roof over their heads, undoubtedly a serious step up from their previous situation. Cowboy became



an instant favorite with the volunteers, prompting one to say "Cowboy is a sweet gentle guy with a beautiful white-tipped tail, which he loves to keep wagging! He is a little bit shy or reserved at first, but warms up nicely, and is a joy to walk. He is very well-behaved and responsive. In the playpen, he is a little playful but mostly enjoys checking everything out, and seems to be interested in meeting other dogs. He loves to be touched and will gaze deep into your eyes! He is a nice-looking fellow with a long muzzle,

pretty speckled legs and upright ears. He will win your heart if given half a chance!" Cowboy is about three years old and 58 pounds. He is guesstimated to be a Border Collie mix.

Bluey's story is that she had been raising her four puppies on her own and someone notified animal control about them. She had done a

great job as the puppies were healthy and eating on their own. Two of them went up for adoption this week and may still be available. I was told that Bluey was a little fearful and so I went in to her kennel to assess the situation. The first thing she did was jump up and lean in for as much affection as she could get. This girl is a lover for sure!

She has been described as "bubbling over with joy and enthusiasm!" We weren't quite sure how she felt about other dogs but when we saw her looking longingly at Cowboy as he passed, we thought they might be a good

match. That was certainly true! Bluey put on her best show for Cowboy, zooming around the yard, lying down in the wading pool and turning belly up to be petted. This compact little pitty mix girl would love friends to play with, both canine and human. She is about 4 years old and 52 pounds. Bluey was afraid of the cats that we tested her with so she could probably learn to live with dog-friendly cats.

Cowboy and Bluey are neutered and spayed, micro-chipped and current on their vaccinations. They are available through the Humboldt County Animal Shelter, operating by appointment only. Please call (707) 840-9132 to make an appointment to meet these or other dogs and cats at the shelter.



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Belly up to the Paloma cocktail caravan

It is hard to imagine starting a new business venture this year, but I recently came across a neighbor who is doing just that.

Bayside resident Simcha Mendle and her friend, Humboldt native Sierra Turner, had a habit, pre-COVID, of enjoying a weekly happy hour when they would catch up with one another's lives and activities while sipping a cocktail.

That got them to thinking about how rewarding it could be to provide libations for the various types of gatherings and celebrations that connect a community.

The result? A vintage-inspired caravan that provides a pop-up beverage service anywhere that people want to gather.

In her professional life, Simcha is a health educator who worked for many years with Planned Parenthood, and more recently, taught health and sex education across various Humboldt County schools.

Sierra worked for many years in the wine industry, in Napa and Santa Barbara, before coming home to Humboldt County.

In February of 2020, just before we all started coming to understand how COVID might impact our lives, they placed an order for a custom-built caravan with a woman-owned contractor in Albany, New York.

Their caravan was delivered in the fall and Paloma Celebrations was officially launched on Oct. 17.

Caravan bars are apparently quite popular in Australia and the U.K. Paloma is both quite adorable and thoroughly well-outfitted, with three service taps for anything fizzy (beer, kombucha, soda), electrical connections, hot and cold water, acrylic glassware and the various tools for making all kinds of cocktails.

It also comes with a selection of furnishings that can be arranged around the caravan to transform its setting, and, of course, with friendly bar staff.

"We want to support local vendors as much as possible," says Simcha, "and we can select a variety of local products to meet the needs of each event."

If you are looking for inspiration about what to serve, there is a menu of creative offerings. Spar-



CHEERS! Simcha Mendle and Sierra Turner in front of their custom-built caravan bar, Paloma.

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kling drinks are a favorite, so that menu includes Mimosa or Spritz bars, and a variety of Champagne cocktails. Non-alcoholic drinks are also on offer.

"We hope to be able to provide hassle-free service and fun drinks for all kinds of special events, weddings and other celebrations, business lunches, and more. We are

really excited about connecting with the community!"

You'll have a chance to check out Paloma on Saturday, Dec. 19, when Simcha



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and Sierra will set up outside of Bayside Community Hall for the final day of the Bayside Holiday Market, where they will offer non-alcoholic hot drinks and Italian sodas.

Stop by to say hello between noon and 5 p.m.

You can also check out the caravan and its offerings at palomacelebrations.com.

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McK CSD's Builder Award to Hooven & Co.

MAD RIVER UNION

McKINLEYVILLE – The McKinleyville Community Services District has awarded its Community Builder Award to Hooven & Co. Inc.

The McKinleyville-based construction company, which specializes in grading, paving and asphalt, was recognized for its many contributions to the community and the district.

Hooven & Co. Inc. has donated its services to the district, helped build the Hiller Sports Complex and regularly sponsors local non-profits.

"District staff has identified Hooven & Co., Inc. as a worthy recipient of this award for their dedication to the community through donations and service," stated a staff report presented to the MCSD Board of Directors on Dec. 2. "Hooven and Co. Inc. was established in 1977 and has been dedicated to making McKinleyville a better place. The Hoovens were born and raised here, attended school, and played sports in McKinleyville. They have dedicated their time with volunteering and fundraising for over 30 years and always bring a positive attitude. They are one of the District's resources when it comes to emergency responses and have gladly responded when in need."

As part of the Community Builder Award, the MCSD interviewed the company. Below are the questions and answers:

How long have you been involved with the McKinleyville community?

Hooven & Co was established in 1977, we have been involved in the community in one way or another since then.

What drives you to serve in your community?

To make our town the best we can. Community service gives us a sense of pride and accomplishment in the town we live and work in.

What do you appreciate most about McKinleyville?



BEST BUILDERS Dave and Pat Hooven, Board President Mary Burke and General Manager Pat Kaspari.

McKinleyville is a "can do" community. Since we are not a city, we often rely on businesses, community groups, and MCSD to provide amenities and services the county will not provide. For example, the community built the library, started the senior center, built the law enforcement facility, Hiller Park, Pierson Park, and is currently working on a skate park and a BMX track, among numerous other things. There are a lot of great people here, long-time residents and new neighbors who are willing to work together to make our town a better place.

What are the key ingredients for creating a vibrant, connected and engaged community?

People need to be involved in their community, participate in community organizations, attend events, work together, and support one another. The MCSD's concert in the park series and the Chamber's Pony Express days, are excellent examples of community events that promote a vibrant, connected, and engaged community.

What do you see as the biggest challenge facing communities, or McKinleyville in particular, today?

Covid right now, and when it

passes we will face many challenges stemming from Covid like school and other public agency budget cuts, business closures, unemployment, and housing issues to name a few.

What are the hopes you hold for the community of McKinleyville? Where do you see the most opportunity for community improvement?

The Pierson property provides a tremendous opportunity for the community to work with the Pierson family to see the town center evolve. It would be great to see it developed in a way that provides a nice mix of uses that we can all enjoy. Senior living, retail, open space, entertainment venues, trails, independent businesses, affordable and market rate housing could all be part of that mix.

What are you most proud of in terms of your service to and within the community of McKinleyville?

Hooven & Co. Inc: Hiller Park stands out. We helped with the construction of the Sports Park, along with a group of great people. Many, many people pitched in and worked together to create a great facility for the community to enjoy.

Pandemic 2020, month 9

First: It costs me hundred dollars, grazing in the grocery store or Dollar Tree every time I go there, and I don't need a thing.

I added up all the expenditures for every month. Other than \$250 to get my truck running, not much damage to my pocketbook.

Financially I seem to be able to live within my means and not go crazy on Amazon because I'm bored. Plus, last month I got a \$400 check from PG&E for generating more power than I use. I've always said if I ever got a dime from PG&E, I'd eat my socks. My solar panels may have me washing down socks with a big bottle of wine. I've got lots of socks and lots of wine... not worried.

Second: There is a pandemic of epic proportions in addition to COVID-stupidity. Normally sane or semi-sane people are fighting to get into stores because it's their constitutional right not to wear a mask. Boo-hooing because they need a manicure and a haircut.

Carrying signs and guns and thinking herd immunity means getting dirty. And then there are the anti-vaxxers. You'd think we were in the Deep South. I can say this with impunity because my people are southern... Texas to Tennessee. The division in the country feels like a prelude to another civil war, blaming government for trying to keep people safe, trouncing on constitutional rights and whatever else is happening. This according to a portion of the population who think the pan-

demic is a hoax. Science is getting stomped to death by this conflicting era of "alternative facts". People are dying... dead doesn't care who you voted for now or in the future.

Third: No sun and too much wind. Grass keeps growing, too wet to mow, weeds are knee-high and too cold to go out there for more than a few minutes. The pollen count is extreme, 15 mph wind blew all the blooms off the flowers and trees. I stay inside and dart out at the faintest hint of calm and sun... no matter how pale or fleeting. Humboldt is green and gorgeous. I need sun... but nowhere to go to get it.

Finally: I'm ditching years lousy old photos stored because I've been lazy to sort, writing like a mad fool, trying to amuse myself and not irritate anyone, hiding my crazed rants about seniors being dumped on the trash heap along with decades old technology, and collecting coins to help them get connected. I'm watching anything on TV that isn't strange, depressing, apocalyptic, political, or boring. Obviously, my screen time is limited. I'm glad the Hallmark Channel isn't available. I'd never get out of bed.

Sometimes wallowing with trashy movies will fix more than you realize. PBS and podcasts are saving my life and refreshing my dwindling grey matter. Be kind to each other, even if you're forced to shut up.

Still collecting coins, so call me at (707) 845-2817 and I'll come pick up any you'd like to donate to the Senior Center.



MCKINLEYVILLE SENIOR CENTER
Patti Stammer

College football could return to Humboldt – at College of the Redwoods

COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS

EUREKA – Last spring, due to a bleak budgetary forecast brought on primarily by the COVID-19 pandemic, CR made the difficult decision to suspend CR's football program. At the time, President Dr. Keith Flamer explained that, "while this was a difficult but necessary decision to make, it was the most efficient way to reduce costs while at the same time making sure the college is fiscally solvent... and better positioned to financially support the sports we are preserving."

Now, Dr. Flamer is exploring the feasibility of resuming football in the fall of 2022. The reinstatement relies on a number of modifications and improvements to the program, ones that the college believes will elevate academics and prioritize the "student" part of "student athlete".

The new football staff will be directed to encourage student athlete accountability in academic programs, and there will be an emphasis on graduation rates, grade point averages (GPAs), and retention rates from semester to semester.

All of this is in line with the considerable strides the athletics department has made in recent years. The department of-

ten exceeds district averages both in retention and academic success (as measured by GPA) and, this past year, the college had 48 graduates from athletics, which was a 38 percent increase from the previous year. Reinstatement of the football program relies on continuing the upward trend.

To help improve the program, the administration has hired a consultant who will conduct a needs assessment, develop a framework for improving student athlete achievement outcomes, and provide recommendations based on findings.

Additionally, in an effort to more closely align with CR's overarching mission to "partner with the community to contribute to the economic vitality and lifelong learning needs of our service area," the college will no longer be recruiting student athletes from non-contiguous states, meaning only those from California, Oregon, Nevada and Arizona. The hope is that most will be recruited from district high schools.

Dr. Flamer explains that he agreed to consider bringing the football program back because he believes athletics can be

an important part of the higher educational experience. "I believe that our athletic programs instill student athletes with good habits of fitness, competitiveness, drive, and discipline. Clearly, what they learn about teamwork, individual responsibility, determination and goal-oriented tasks follow them into their future," he says.

Athletics Director Bob Brown is also hopeful. "The athletic department greatly appreciates the open dialogue and initial approval of planning towards the reinstatement of the football program. We look forward to building on the recent academic

success of our athletic teams and to adding football back into that fold," he says.

Brown also appreciates how much the local community would like to see college football return to Humboldt. "There has always been a strong base of community support for CR athletics," he says. That's a good thing because, of course, the decision is also financial."

The football program requires funding above and beyond typical program expenses per student because of the cost of the

head coach, staff outside of instruction, and some travel. Much of this can be made up through increased enrollments; however, the College of the Redwoods Foundation is committed to raising \$250,000 from the community to cover costs of football program staff and upgrading the intercollegiate weight room.

Northern California has an exceptionally long history of supporting football. CR Football provides community building and an opportunity for our local student athletes to stay here and pursue their athletic passion while earning a high quality college education," said Marty Coelho, executive director of College Advancement and the CR Foundation.

Dr. Flamer believes "that reinstating football can be compatible and complementary to our academic endeavors for several reasons. If our student athletes are supported and maintain higher retention and graduation rates than the general student body, other academic programs would likely be enhanced by the addition of football players. A well-managed football program can bring in a net positive annual revenue and a great deal more "value-added" to the College."



Dr. Keith Flamer

Accomplished DA K-9 officer Reece has passed away

HUMBOLDT COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

HUMBOLDT – The Humboldt County District Attorney's Office is sad to report the passing of Narcotic Detection K-9 "Reece." Reece partnered with District Attorney Investigator Marvin Kirkpatrick for over 10 years.

Reece's obituary, prepared by Marvin and his family, appears below:

It is with heavy heart and much sorrow to have to announce the passing of Humboldt County District Attorney's Office K-9 Reece.

K-9 Reece passed away on Dec. 1, 2020 at the age of 14 with her handler and family by her side.

K-9 Reece dedicated her service in the detection of controlled substances for the County of Humboldt. K-9 Reece was a warrior in the battle against drugs. Her career spanned just over 10 years. K-9 Reece was always ready



Reece

to go to work and lived for it.

In K-9 Reece's dedicated service of over 10 years, she was deployed 524 times. Based on K-9 Reece's alerts she was responsible for the seizure of 2,522 pounds of marijuana, over 50 pounds of concentrated cannabis, concentrated cannabis chemical extraction laboratories (BHO), 6 pounds of cocaine, 82 pounds of heroin, 80 pounds of methamphetamine, and \$2,619,464.00 in currency. One could not have had a better K-9 than Reece.

K-9 Reece will be buried at her family's home where she will remain in our hearts and memories. For those of you who wish to honor her memory we request that you do so with a donation to one of our local no-kill animal rescues and/or animal shelters in K-9 Reece's name.

Thank you, K-9 Reece's handler and loving family.

Malouf | 'Texas spitfire'

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knocked off their feet by the surge. The male victim was able to hold onto the jetty rocks, however Malouf was swept out to sea.

The United States Coast Guard, Samoa Peninsula Fire District and Humboldt Bay Fire assisted in the search for Malouf, utilizing ground crews, rescue boats and a helicopter. At about 1 p.m., crews located and recovered Malouf from the water.

Malouf was transported via helicopter to a local hospital where she was pronounced deceased.

Malouf was the executive editor of *Salt Lake Magazine* and a long-time food writer. Malouf worked *The Dallas Morning News* in Texas as a freelance food writer in

the 1980s and 1990s and later worked as the dining critic for *The Dallas Observer*.

In 2006, she moved to Salt Lake City with her late husband Glen Warhol, who was a reporter there, according to *The Dallas Morning News*.

"Malouf was known as a tough but fair and insightful critic with an irreverent personality and big heart. She was a 'crazy-haired Texas spitfire' who loved birds, cowboys boots and everything pink," stated an article in *The Dallas Morning News*.

"The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office sends our deepest sympathies to the family of Ms. Malouf during this incredibly difficult time," stated a press release from the Sheriff's Office.

Campgrounds close

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – Due to the surge of COVID-19 cases, the County of Humboldt closed its campgrounds starting Dec. 9. The campgrounds are Big Lagoon, Clam Beach, Samoa, Swimmers Delight (Van Duzen) and A.W. Way. The Pamplin Grove group campground at Van Duzen County Park is also closed.

All parks and trails operated by the county are open for day use except for Freshwater Park. Day use hours are posted at each park and parking areas are open but may be subject to vehicle limits.

Restrooms are open and cleaned regularly. Picnic tables and picnic areas remain closed.

Freshwater Park is expected to be closed through April 1, 2021, and possibly longer.



The world-famous Arcata Police Log returns next week.

OPINION

We're Arcata!

(Inspired by the 1973 Grammy Award-winning song "I Am Woman" by the late Helen Reddy.)

Some Arcatans' inner roar
Grew loud, (too big to ignore),
So they ran for council
in a race of 10.
And online or safe outdoors
Discussed and shared
their own platforms,
Based on what they'd heard and
what they'd recommend.

So, yes... you three have won, and
our trusting votes were earned.
The work has just begun.

There's so much yet to learn.
And together, we can do anything!

We are strong (strong).
We are invincible (invincible).
We're Arcata!

To you seekers who achieved
Fewer votes in your tallies,
Please consider an
alternative new role.

For there's several vacancies
Among the city committees
Paths to advocate those
passions in your soul.

Oh, yes! We're all more wise.
We've learned much
from each campaign.
Time was sacrificed.
Fresh perspectives were attained.

True engagement
broadens the visioning!

Roads might be long (*yawn*),
Inconceivable (*yet possible*).
We're Spark-cata!

There's a Mary Poppins wind.
Who knows what's just
'round the bend?
Let's imagine our way onward,
mindfully.

Policies to comprehend,
Creative ways to mend and spend,
Let's recalibrate with prudence,
gracefully.

Whoa, stress! Impacts are deep.
Our economy feels weak.
Our services ain't cheap.
This fiscal year's unique.

To the table, there's so much
that we all bring!
Sometimes we're wrong (*darn*).
Let's stay practical (sustainable).
We're Smart-cata!

Aiming high, find common ground.
Deepen ties with town-and-gown.
And for now,
discussions remain in Zoomland.

Build-Better sounds profound,
With equity and justice now!
Transparency helps us
trust and understand.

Oh, yes! Speak your truth.
Many moments to meet, soon.
Our needs and wants fine-tuned.
Meh objectives could be pruned.
Moving forward
will take compromising!

Seek those withdrawn, (*woebe gone*),
Invisible, (and recoverable).
We're Heart-cata!

And with time, changes will come.
New structures soon
might block the sun,
As we grow up
with the climate on our mind.

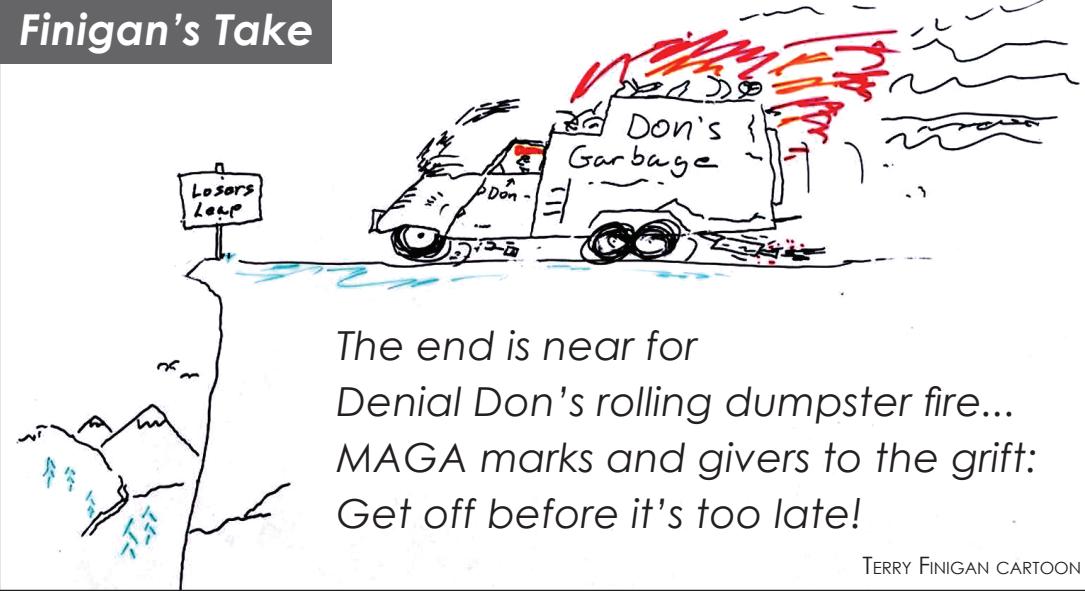
Small-town feel has been hard-won.
Connections enhance love and fun.
Let's find balance
as we update and streamline.

Oh, yes! We'll be fine,
if engagement stays alive.
On the dais, again 5.
Like our forest, we will thrive.

Collectively, we can keep evolving!
A Humboldt song (rock on!),
We are originals (unsinkable).
We're Arcata!

Moonlight Macumber
Arcata

Finigan's Take



TERRY FINIGAN CARTOON

A searing synopsis

Donald Trump is a loser like David Perdue. Trump's voters are rubes and crazy fools. What are you afraid of, racist Republicans? Where did those fascist Trump flags go? Don't you want to die for Mad King Trump? Drink the Kool-Aid of Orange Jim Jones! Start a second Civil War and see how it goes? You already lost! The President-elect is Joe. And with Kamala as Biden's Vice President, And two GOP Georgia Senate seats in play, By January 20th, GOP control is going away! Moscow Mitch McConnell is going to cry, While the Trump Crime Family endlessly lies.

Don Jr. is high on cocaine, don't you know? Princess Ivanka will get her own TV show. Trump's third wife Melania will get a divorce. So Trump needs more lawyers of course. For frivolous lawsuits and paying porn stars. To buy photos of Eric maskless at a gay bar. And get ready for Trump Tower in Moscow, Since the traitor needs a new residence now.

Sincerely,
Jake Pickering
Arcata

Pre-vax precautions

Sign your letter to the *Mad River Union* with a real name and a city of origin, plus a phone number (which won't be published) for identity verification and send it to opinion@madriverunion.com.

Pre-vax precautions

2020 has been quite a year: devastating fires (e.g., August Complex), violent protests and a record-breaking heat wave.

What about the COVID-19 virus? A bright light shone in November 2020 because Pfizer made a strongly effective vaccine for COVID-19.

Don't throw away the masks just yet! If authorized, supplies of the vaccine will be limited.

A virus did not damage my gait, hearing and speech; a drunken driver hit me in 1992. I teach people to not drive drunk. My teaching continues.

Prevent getting and spreading the virus until this vaccine becomes available:

- Celebrate holidays with few people. Preferably, those you live with.
- Use digital platforms (like Zoom) or postage mail to connect with others.
- Watch religious services on TV or online. Gatherings can spread the virus causing illness or death.
- Limit physical interactions with others. Wear a mask in populated areas and stay 6 feet away from others.
- Avoid heavy drinking. If intoxicated, you are more likely to behave in ways that promote the spread of the virus and even drive drunk.
- Hand washing is your best line of defense.

Lori Martin
Tracy

LETTERS

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Time to 'Push Pause' on class and faculty cuts at HSU

The Humboldt California Faculty Association (CFA) has launched a community-wide petition calling on the broader HSU community (faculty members, students, staff, alumni, and Humboldt residents), to stand in solidarity with HSU faculty against budget cuts. It is our position that the administration should Push Pause on cutting classes or faculty positions in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. The petition can be accessed via this link: change.org/HSU_PushPause.

Humboldt State University's administration is directing department chairs to make permanent and extensive cuts to course offerings over the next two years.

These cuts will result in some departments having their course offerings depleted by as much as 25 percent, limiting stu-

dent access to classes and faculty support while delaying pathways to graduation.

The administrative directive is causing committed educators to lose work and healthcare benefits.

These are the same faculty members who have moved mountains to make sure that HSU continued to serve students during this global pandemic. In this emergency, we should not be treating dedicated faculty members as throwaway merchandise, but as valued members of our University community.

While dedicated educators face unemployment, more upper-level administrators are being hired and the college continues to prioritize growth — except when it comes



GUEST OPINION
Nicola Walters

to faculty. Now, to balance the budget, the HSU administration is pressuring faculty union members to cut union jobs—at a time when faculty need them most.

CFA Humboldt believes that cuts to faculty jobs and healthcare during a pandemic is immoral and urges the university to Push Pause on cuts.

Our CFA cartoons present the contrasting life-cycles of lecturers and administrators on HSU's campus. These images are accredited to @tipthegalwaystudiocat and accompany our ask for community support.

Join the CFA petition and Push Pause on cuts today!

Via Nicola Walters of the CFA

A phenomenal opportunity for reform at Humboldt State

A generation ago, Humboldt State University joined the nation's rapid expansion into the privatization movement, promising to bring "business efficiencies" to government.

However, whether it's public education, prisons, the military, energy, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, housing, immigration, or the public airwaves, privatization has been disastrous, bearing no resemblance to the efficiencies of free-enterprise.

Once privatization removes institutional knowledge from government, it has leverage to extort higher corporate fees, deregulation, expansion and personal gain. The HSU University Center Corporation's multi-million dollar "non-profit" bureaucracy offers a case-study in privatization's ethical and business failures and is currently under review for termination.

The California Education Code regulates campus corporations, (aka "auxiliary organizations"), by limiting their services to "essential university operations", it also guarantees due-process rights for employees in order to reduce corruption by reducing workplace fear. In 1984, University Center corporate director Burt Nordstrom, (replacing his brother-in-law, Charles Lindemann), hired attorneys with a strategy to circumvent employees' due-process rights by having workers sign contracts stating they can be fired without cause, "at-will", (seen recently at KHSU). This

is how "public-private partnerships" divert accountability from government, in this case, overseen by former HSU vice president and University Center corporate board advisor, Edward "Buzz" Webb.

The Education Code's restrictions on corporate growth were also circumvented by the University Center's reinterpretation of "essential university operations" to include College of the Redwood's housing and food services, Eureka's aquatic center, Arcata's public pool, failed attempts to purchase Eureka's historic "Sweezy Theater" and a Bend, Oregon hotel serving HSU's exclusive corporate ski junkets. HSU proceeded to invest \$300 million remodeling and expanding leisure venues, sports and activities, adding elite locked-gate housing, and library lattes to the University Center's growing empire of "essential services" that already provide skiing, sailing, kayaking, rafting, rock climbing, fencing and international celebrity entertainers.

Despite early warnings from courageous faculty and staff, academic courses and degrees were being eliminated as HSU's equivalent of "Club Med" expanded; experienced professors were early-retired; classrooms became overcrowded; cardlocks and "blue-light" emergency stations were poor substitutes for the nighttime janitorial staff HSU terminated, all occurring long before the 2008 economic collapse and COVID-19.

"Club HSU" not only attract-

ed hundreds of wealthier students and community participants, it requires them, causing far-greater impacts from every recession, just as the healthcare industry is designed to best-serve the wealthiest patients, bankrupting average families buried in debt and immediately collapsing during an epidemic making the U.S. "Number One" in worldwide fatalities per-capita.

Humboldt County's miles of wilderness, wetlands, pristine beaches, rivers, tributaries, lakes, bay, mountains, trails, lagoons, forests and wildlife were always more than enough without requiring HSU's majority of poor and working-class students, (800 reported homeless in 2019), to subsidize privatization's expanding services few can afford.

Real CSU reform would address systemic nepotism, favoritism and patronage at the core of administrative incompetence and corruption, for example, the California Auditor uncovered university administrator's enriching themselves by early-investing in the software company that would centralize the California State University computer systems; a \$750 million project.

While it's no panacea, top administrators should be required to model academic excellence by holding advanced degrees in their fields of public administration, human resources, public finance, or communication, making it more difficult to stack a university's bureaucracy with friends and family sycophants willing to violate their Constitutional oath to "Promote the General Welfare" by sharing contempt for the California Education Code.

Terminating the University

Center Corporation presents a combination of phenomenal opportunities returning institutional knowledge, essential services and due-process to HSU. Trained by a competent consultant, HSU students are more than capable of managing HSU services themselves for academic credit. Or, corporate services can be transferred to the ASB; organized under a student-cooperative; separated by individual 501c3's; or eliminated entirely, opening opportunities for student entrepreneur's off-campus.

In considering students' capability, remember the first U.S. Admiral, David Farragut, who, at 12 years old, commanded a captured enemy warship from Peru to Boston with its British prisoners. Farragut wasn't a "one-off" exception; the amazing potential of average American youth's is well-documented by New York City's 4-time teacher of the year, prolific author, researcher, and international lecturer John Taylor Gatto, who points out, "Education is not something given to students, it must be assertively taken."

Public universities possess the resources for students to develop the skills, imagination, confidence and independence needed to cope with extraordinary and unpredictable future challenges. A worldwide epidemic, requiring years of economic recovery, should dissolve decades of excuses denying student's the opportunities to explore and develop their full-potential that is their birthright.

George Clark
HSU Liberal Arts, 1982
HSU Center Accounting
Technician, 1979-89
Eureka

SCENE

KALEIDOSCOPE NEIGHBORHOOD Actor, teacher, playwright and director Carlos Gallegos will perform *Kaleidoscope Neighborhood* on Facebook Live from today, Dec. 16 to Sunday, Dec. 20 at 6 p.m. In *Kaleidoscope Neighborhood*, Gallegos plays Alfonsito, a character who awakes with the intention of going to the store and buying a loaf of bread or two. To achieve this, he must face his multiple and extravagant fears, pretend to be like the others (like the "normal" people), and abandon his meticulously organized but dusty house. He must quickly pass through the empty street avoiding the cynical jokes of his cronies, the melancholy of the street sweepers, and the meeting with his compatriot, Magalita the Machiavellian. But above all, he must avoid the pounding of his heart each time he receives his bread bag. [dellarte.com/online-season/2020-2021-season](http://dellarte.com/)



SUBMITTED PHOTO



UP TO THE CHALLENGE Artists' Challenge artworks by October Mintey, left, and Tess Yinger.

PHOTOS BY JAY TILGHMAN

The upside of 2020 – lots of art

INK PEOPLE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

EUREKA — The 2020 Artists' Challenge at the Brenda Tuxford Gallery is moving online, with 315 intimately scaled artworks on display at a virtual gallery at inkpeople.org through Saturday, Dec. 19.

This year, 21 area artists responded to the annual challenge: create 15 original works of art in just one month. This will be the largest Artists' Challenge exhibition in recent memory — as befits a year in which many have spent a lot of time at home.

"COVID-19 has had some unexpected benefits: this year's wealth of Artists' Challenge artworks is one of them," said Libby Maynard, executive director of Ink People Center for

the Arts. "What a delightful and wonderful display of Humboldt artists' vision."

Artworks on view represent styles ranging from October Mintey's intimate mushroom watercolors to Reuben Mayes' exuberant expressionist painting and Ashley Rose's bedazzled multimedia.

Intricate collages by Tess Yinger float tiny geometric volumes over inkblot landscapes, while etched line drawings on glass by Robot Adams featuring conjoined bunny twins, a reverse mermaid and a cat astronaut split the difference between surreal and whimsical.

The mother-daughter team of Native artisans behind California Native Glass contributed a special collection of fused glass

ornaments that catch the winter sun.

Featured artists include: Eloisa Caro-Garcia, Jenny Downs, Soni Epperson, Morgan Eubank, Julie E. Hodge, Kjerstine Jennings, Laura Keenados, Claire MacKenzie, Libby Maynard, Lydia Morris, Kaitland Ocheltree, Patricia Sennott, Mir de Silva, Monica Topping and James F. Woglor.

All works of art will be available for sale, with two-thirds of the sale price going to the artists and the remainder going to support programs of the Ink People Center for Arts.

Prices are set by size, with artworks that are 3 by 5 inch priced at \$24; 5 x 7 inch \$45, 8 x 10 inch at \$60, and 11 x 14 inch at \$75.

LIVE NATIVITY A special COVID-safe drive-through Live Nativity will take place on Monday, Dec. 21 and Tuesday, Dec. 22 on J Street between Carson and Buhne streets in Eureka from 6 to 8 p.m. Seven

scenes including approximately 20 cast members as well as live animals will allow you to step back in time to witness the most wonderful event in history, the story of Christmas. You can view the scenes from

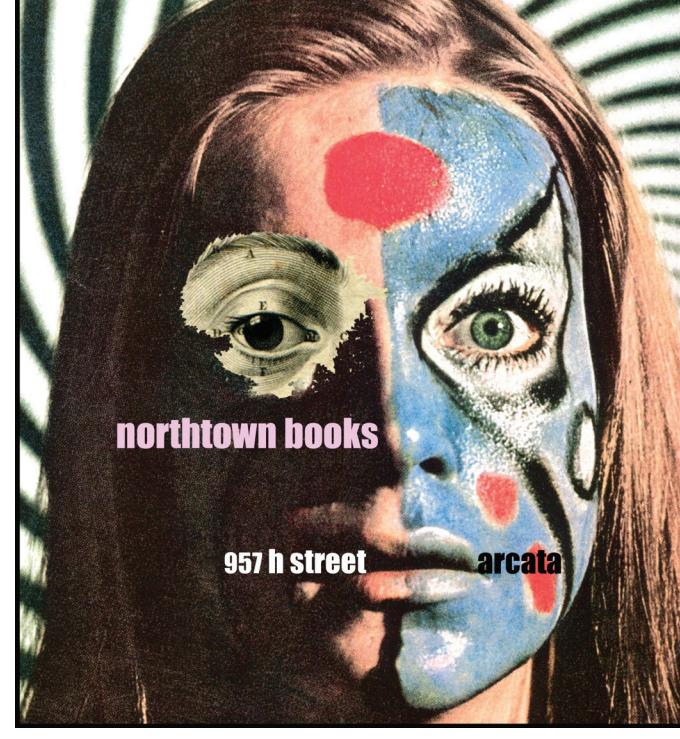
the comfort and safety of your car. You may access the narration from your own personal device. The narration this year will be available digitally through www.fcceureka.org or YouTube. To avoid traffic congestion follow this route: from Buhne Street, turn south onto K Street, turn right onto Carson Street, then right onto J Street.

The planned menu was simple and wholesome. I was slated to provide smoked salmon on

by way of Big Ike who lived near Sommes Bar. Along with salmon we planned to have venison and quail.

Professor Little volunteered to make a

brandy pudding. We placed a Christmas tree in front of the big rock fireplace in the



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Art for the Young at Heart classes

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The Ink People Center for the Arts invites those age 65 and older in the Humboldt and Del Norte communities to "Art for the Young at Heart," an online art class and social engagement group.

The 20-week course, taught by Maureen McGarry and co-facilitated by a local licensed clinical social worker, begins the week of Jan. 11, 2021 and runs through May of 2021.

Learn beginning drawing and watercolor painting skills, and participate in a peer support group.

Classes are free for participants and are billed to Medicare.

Participants can purchase their art supplies for \$190 at the Art Center in Arcata.

Participation requires access to the

internet through a device with video and audio capacity. Downloading the free Zoom app is a requirement for participating in the classes.

Some low-income seniors are eligible for a scholarship which covers all material costs.

This is a DreamMaker Program of the Ink People Center for the Arts and is funded by the California Arts Council, the Ink People Center for the Arts, Telebehavioral Health, US, the Ingrid Nickelsen Trust, the Humboldt Area Foundation COVID-19 Regional Response Fund, the Sisters of St. Joseph Healthcare Foundation Emergency Response Fund, and local private donations.

For more information, email maureen@telebehavioralhealth.us, or call the Ink People at (707) 442-8413.

KEET, Dell Arte team up for *Hansel and Gretel*

KEET-TV

HUMBOLDT — KEET-TV is delighted to partner with Dell'Arte International to present its Holiday Show *Hansel and Gretel*, a German fairy tale by the Brothers Grimm.

The show will premiere on Saturday, Dec. 19 at 6 p.m., with repeats scheduled to air on Tuesday, Dec. 22 at 9 p.m., and on Monday, Dec. 28 at 1 p.m. This 1812 classic fairy tale has been updated and adapted by Dell'Arte third-year MFA students who have modernized the script and put their fun-filled physical comedy into the five actors' performance.

In August, Dell'Arte sent out an email looking for ideas to safely present their traveling holiday show to the public, and KEET responded immediately.

Michael Fields, the show's director, worked with KEET's staff to make production and presentation viable during the pandemic. Station technicians suited up in protective gear and deployed to the Carlo Theatre in Blue Lake to

capture the show on HD video.

KEET's production crew, directed by Sam Greene, recorded the show twice and used six cameras to capture every move on and off stage. Fields and Greene worked together with the actors and production crew to design camera shots that captured this entertaining show's full flavor. The resulting broadcast will place viewers amid the drama like never before.

The performers include Laura Murillo Hart as Gretel; Oscar "Oz" Nava as Hansel; Julieta Garza as Mother; Nate Fitzsimons as Father; and Dustin Curry as the Witch. The actors all worked tirelessly through the filming process to accommodate the technology while preserving their breath-taking performances. The results speak for themselves.

KEET is happy to help and be a part of this great annual holiday tradition put together by Dell'Arte. Stay safe and enjoy *Hansel and Gretel* on KEET-TV at home with your loved ones and family.

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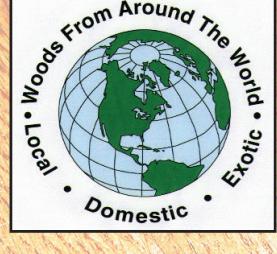
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